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**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/648,449
Filing Date	8/28/2000
First Named Inventor	Piotr COFTA
Art Unit	2132
Examiner Name	Benjamin E. Lanier
Attorney Docket Number	0171.38726X00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- ii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (14 pgs.)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

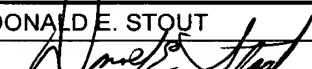
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004		Complete if Known		
		Application Number	09/648,449	
Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.		Filing Date	August 28, 2000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		First Named Inventor	Piotr COFTA	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		790.00	Examiner Name	Benjamin E. Lanier
METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)		Art Unit	2132	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deposit Account: Deposit Account Number: 01-2135 Deposit Account Name: Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP		3. ADDITIONAL FEES		
The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.		FEE CALCULATION (continued)		
FEE CALCULATION		Fee Paid		
1. BASIC FILING FEE		Large Entity Small Entity		
Fee Code Fee (\$)		Fee Code Fee (\$)		
1001 790 2001 395 Utility filing fee		1051 130 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		
1002 350 2002 175 Design filing fee		1052 50 2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		
1003 550 2003 275 Plant filing fee		1053 130 1053 130 Non-English specification		
1004 790 2004 395 Reissue filing fee		1812 2,520 1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination		
1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee		1804 920* 1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action		
SUBTOTAL (1)		1805 1,840* 1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE		1251 120 2251 60 Extension for reply within first month		
Extra Claims Fee from below Fee Paid		1252 450 2252 225 Extension for reply within second month		
Total Claims 29 -32 = 0 x 50 = 00.00		1253 1,020 2253 510 Extension for reply within third month		
Indep. Claims 4 -4 = 0 x 200 = 00.00		1254 1,590 2254 795 Extension for reply within fourth month		
Multiple Dependent =		1255 2,160 2255 1,080 Extension for reply within fifth month		
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Description		1401 500 2401 165 Notice of Appeal		
Code (\$)		1402 330 2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20		1403 290 2403 145 Request for oral hearing		
1201 88 2201 44 Independent claims in excess of 3		1451 1,510 1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
1203 300 2203 150 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		1452 110 2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable		
1204 88 2204 44 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent		1453 1,370 2453 685 Petition to revive - unintentional		
1205 18 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		1501 1,370 2501 685 Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 00.00		1502 490 2502 245 Design issue fee		
**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above.		1503 660 2503 330 Plant issue fee		
		1460 130 1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner		
		1807 50 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)		
		1806 180 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		
		8021 40 8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		
		1809 790 2809 395 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))		
		1810 790 2810 395 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))		
		1801 770 2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		
		1802 900 1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application.		
		Other fee (specify)		
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